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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 749
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Sam Riley for his
meritorious service in Obion County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary individuals who personally give of their time and money to help the less fortunate; and

WHEREAS, Sam Riley is one such remarkable public servant, a voice of integrity, whose efforts accounted for more than \$150,000 in contributions to the Obion County United Way campaign in 1999; and

WHEREAS, this dedicated husband and father is also an active member of the Union City Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, in serving the good people of Union City and Obion County, he dedicates himself to aiding the less fortunate, including the many boys and girls who, due to their circumstances, are unable to participate in either the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts; and

WHEREAS, he has also shown concern for the hungry and the homeless, and has served his fellow citizens with humanity; and

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WHEREAS, Sam receives tremendous support from his devoted family, including his wife, Jann; their son, Keith; their daughter, Andrea, their son-in-law, Bryan Hazelwood, and their grandsons, Brandon and Taylor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Riley has also been active in the Obion County Chamber of Commerce, serving with distinction as a Presidential Appointee to the Board of Directors in 1997, followed by his election to a three-year term; and

WHEREAS, he also served as vice-president of Housing Development and contributed his time and talents to the Tennessee Association of Business, a respected organization of Tennessee businesspersons; and

WHEREAS, Sam began his distinguished career with Goodyear Tire Company in 1970, and moved to Akron in 1978 for a year to prepare for the start-up of a new plant in Lawton, Oklahoma in 1979; and

WHEREAS, he managed the production of materials at Lawton from 1979-87, before returning to Union City in 1987 to work for two years as production manager; and

WHEREAS, this highly acclaimed gentleman has taken a new job in Lawton, Oklahoma; he and his family will be missed by all who know and love them in their community; and

WHEREAS, Sam Riley states, "In many ways, we will always call Union City our home. Union City certainly has a bright future. I personally appreciate the support of our associates, the union and this community the past three years in helping to secure the Union City plant."; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Riley has contributed immeasurably to the good people of Obion County and the Tennessee General Assembly and, for his adroit service, this legislative body is most grateful; and

WHEREAS, he is the perfect example of a person totally committed to family and the highest ideals of public service; and

WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor this outstanding public servant for his numerous contributions to others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we express our heartfelt thanks to Sam Riley for his distinguished contributions to Union City, the United Way, to Obion County, and the Tennessee General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to Sam Riley our best wishes for every success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.